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SUBJECT: KURDISH REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

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1. REFTEL MUCH APPRECIATED, AYPAIT HELPS RELIEVE PRESSURE OF LAST MINUTE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPARTURE 0100 APRIL 25. FORMS 510 LARGELY COMPLETED FOR THIS FIRST GROUP, BUT WILL BE SHIPPED FOR LATER GROUPS PER REFTEL. FORMS 552 HAVE NOT BEEN DONE.

2. AFTER CONTINUAL PRODDING, GOI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FINALLY INFORMED EMBASSY LATE APRIL 21 THAT 42 LAISSEZ-PASSERS COVERING 60 PEOPLE HAD BEEN ISSUED BY POLICE AND WERE READY TO BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING MORNING.

LAISSEZ-PASSERS BEAR NOTIFICATION PERMITTING UNLIMITED RIGHT TO RETURN TO IRAN. BLANKET LETTER SAYING MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP HAVE NO ADVERSE RECORD WITH POLICE IS ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDED, WITH LISZ OF NAMES ATTACHED. SOME OF THOSE

LISTED WILL NOT BE IN FIRST GROUP OF 50 REFUGEES, SO
EMBASSY WILL SAVE COPIES OF MFA MEMO FOR USE WHEN THEY
LEAVE.

3. FRG EMBASSY IN TEHRAN RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON VISA
ISSUANCE TO REHGEES APRIL 21, AND LAISSEZ-PASSERS
DELIVERED THERE APRIL 22 FOR ISSUANCE OF VISAS APRIL 24.

4. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR FIRST GROUP ARE UNDERWAY
AND WILL BE COMPLETED APRIL 24. EACH REFUGEE WILL HAVE
SMALLPOX INNOCULATION ONLY, PER REFTTEL.

5. WHEN UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE GOODYEAR CONTACTED SAS
ABOUT AIRLINE RESERVATIONS REPORTEDLY MADE BY ICEM,
LOCAL MANAGER SAID HE HAD NO OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION
OF THIS TRAVEL. HE IS SEEKING CONFIRMATION FROM HIS
HEADQUARTERS AND GOODYEAR EXPECTS TO RECEIVE FINAL
WORD APRIL 24.

6. DESPITE LOWER-LEVEL BUREAUCRATIC FOOTDRAGGING BY
POLICE OFFICE ISSUING LAISSEZ-PASSERS, GOI MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN FACILITATING
REFUGEES' DEPARTURE. SECURITY OFFICIALS ALSO HELD UP
PARADE BY WAITING UNTIL EARLY THIS WEEK TO CALL REFUGEES
INTO TEHRAN FOR FINAL PROCESSING. BOTH GOODYEAR AND
KURDISH REPRESENTATIVE QAZZAZ HAD BEEN TOLD THEY SHOULD
NOT MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH REFUGEES IN THE PROVINCES,
SO WERE UNABLE TO EXPEDITE MOVEMENT TO TEHRAN. BELIEVE
ALL ARRANGEMENTS FINALLY FALLING INTO PLACE, AND
ANTICIPATE NO FURTHER PROBLEMS WITH GOI.

7. FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD GOODYEAR IT HOPES NO PUBLICITY

WILLBE GIVEN TO REFUGEES' ARRIVAL IN FRANKFURT FOR
PROCESSING. (FYI: GOI WAS UPSET WITH COVERAGE ON
AUSTRIAN TV OF ARRIVAL OF FIRST GROUP OF 60 KURDISH
REFUGEES IN VIENNA.)

8. COORDINATION WITH GOODYEAR PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY.
HE WILL SEND FINAL LIST OF REFUGEES TO GENEVA SATURDAY
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MORNING, AND WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH LYONETTE BY
TELEPHONE REGARDING ANY LAST MINUTE PROBLEMS.
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